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TAGS: ECE, ECOSOC, IS, ETRD  
SUBJECT: ISRAELI APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ECE: FRG  
COMMENTS

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2. IO DAS DENNIS GOODMAN DISCUSSED ISRAELI APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE) WITH FRG FOREIGN OFFICE UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR VOLLERS FEBRUARY 18. WE PROVIDE A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSATION IN ORDER TO PASS ALONG AN FRG SUGGESTION IN PARA 4.

3. WHILE REPEATING FRG SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP, VOLLERS RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE FRG SPONSORSHIP, AND ASKED WHAT THE ISRAELIS REALLY WANTED. IF THEY DID NOT WANT MEMBERSHIP IN THE WESTERN CAUCUS, BUT ONLY ECE MEMBERSHIP, THEN THEY ALREADY HAD IN SUBSTANCE AS AN OBSERVER WHAT FORMAL ECE MEMBERSHIP ITSELF WOULD BRING. GOODMAN RESPONDED THAT THE ISRAELIS WANT LEGITIMACY; THE ECE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO CHANCE FOR ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OTHER UN REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUP

4. VOLLERS SAID THAT EUROPEANS WERE AFRAID THAT ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP COULD CREATE PROBLEMS IN TRADE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST EUROPE. EUROPEANS WONDERED WHAT THE ISRAELIS HAD IN MIND BEYOND SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BONN HAD TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO THAT ONLY FORMAL MEMBERSHIP WAS DESIRED. IF THESE LIMITED ISRAELI DESIRES COULD BE PUT IN WRITING, SUGGESTED VOLLERS, THE PAPER COULD BE USED TO REDUCE SOVIET OPPOSITION, AS WELL AS TO

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DEAL WITH WEST EUROPEAN UNEASINESS AT PROSPECTIVE ISRAELI ECE MEMBERSHIP. WITHOUT SUCH AN INFORMAL ASSURANCE, IMPLIED VOLLERS HOWEVER, EC SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN.

5. DAS GOODMAN HAS NOT CLEARED THIS CABLE.

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